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L. 53 REV 1 ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC) ADOPTED WITH-
OUT A VOTE ON DECEMBER 10

REFERENCE: STATE 299628

1. SUMMARY: SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION, WITH MINOR ORAL AMENDMENTS, WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE BY THE SECOND COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 10. THE U.S. DELEGATION MADE A LONG EXPLANATION OF VOTE FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION COVERING THE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS TWO AND FOUR OF REFTEL. SHORT EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE WERE ALSO MADE BY ISRAEL, USSR AND POLAND. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLO MADE A SHORT STATEMENT REJECTING THE STATEMENTS MADE BY ISRAEL AND "THEIR MASTERS" ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 3(B) AND 4. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER A LONG SECOND INTRODUCTION OF THE REVISED RESOLUTION MADE BY THE ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE (FLEMING) AND A STRONG STATEMENT BY THE ECUADORIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NEED FOR THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE ALL OF THE FUNDS FOR THE CONFERENCE SET FORTH IN L.72, THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS PAPER ON L.53, THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED L.53 REV 1, AS ORALLY AMENDED, WITHOUT A VOTE. THE ORAL AMENDMENTS TO L.54 REV 1 THAT WERE ACCEPTED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A) IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE, THE NEW DATE FOR THE CONFERENCE WAS ADDED; NAMELY, MARCH 27 THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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B) IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH NINE, THE WORD "OFFICIAL" WAS DELETED.

C) IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FOURTEEN THE WORDS "12 AND" WERE ADDED AFTER THE WORD "PARAGRAPH" IN LINE FOUR. IN ITS LONG INTRODUCTION, ARGENTINA REPEATEDLY MADE THE POINT THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THIS CONFERENCE -- WHICH WAS SO IMPORTANT TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES--SHOULD RECEIVE THE SAME SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE AS THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE FAR LARGER (\$5.8 MILLION) CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAD RECEIVED EARLIER IN THE DAY. HE INDICATED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE NOT BEING EVEN HANDED IN DESIRING THAT THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TCDC CONFERENCE PREPARE DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE TCDC CONFERENCE WHILE BLANDLY ACCEPTING A \$5.8 MILLION BUDGET FOR THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE WITHOUT SIMILAR INPUTS FROM ITS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. THE ARGENTINE DELEGATE ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT HE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF WHICH WERE NOT CONTAINED IN L.72 DUE TO "TIME CONSTRAINTS." HE WANTED THE ACABQ AND THE FIFTH COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THIS ELEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE AS WELL AS THE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN L.72.

3. AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARIAT INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT SOME MONOR CHANGES TO L.72 WERE BEING MADE FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN UN AND UNDP OFFICIALS.

4. THE ISRAELI DELEGATE MADE A VERY SHORT STATEMENT REITERATING ISRAEL'S OBJECTION TO THE PLO BEING INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER.

5. THE USSR AND POLAND DELEGATES WANTED THE CONFERENCE, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE TO BE FINANCED OUT OF SAVINGS MADE ELSEWHERE IN THE UN REGULAR BUDGET. THE POLISH DELEGATE WENT ON TO REJECT THE POINT MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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EARLIER BY THE ARGENTINE DELEGATE THAT THE SECOND COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS IT AUTHORS. THE POLISH DELEGATE REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE UN REGULAR BUDGET DID NOT HAVE "UNLIMITED RESOURCES" AND THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE TO BE "FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE."

6. THE PLO STATEMENT WHICH WAS TRIGGERED BY THE ISRAELI AND US STATEMENTS WAS SHORT AND FAIRLY SHARP. ITS ONLY MENTION OF THE US IN ITS STATEMENT WAS IN THE PHRASE "THE STATEMENTS JUST MADE BY ISRAEL AND THEIR MASTERS."

7. IT PERHAPS SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NEITHER THE RESOLUTION OF THE US STATEMENT MENTIONED THE PLO BY NAME ALTHOUGH LTHE GA RESOLUTION, 3237 (XXXIX) REFERRED TO IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3(B) DEALS SOLELY WITH THE QUESTION OF THE PLO. THE US STATEMENT DID SPECIFICALLY REFER TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 3(B) AND 4 AND TO THE FACT WE HAD VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION 3237 AND THAT SINCE THEN THE US POSITION ON THIS MATTER HAD IN NO WAY BEEN MODIFIED.

8. COPIES OF THE ENTIRE FIVE-PAGE US STATEMENT ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF HARRY GLAZER, IO/DHP.
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